

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has become the home of a new professional basketball franchise in the Continental Basketball Association's Midwest Division which will play in the Sioux Falls Arena; and,

WHEREAS, Not since the early '70s when the Sioux Falls Packers played minor league baseball has a professional sports organization called Sioux Falls home; and,

WHEREAS, A Sioux Falls community-wide Name-The-Team contest was held to give the team a name, and SKYFORCE was chosen from 1,045 entries; and,

WHEREAS, The SKYFORCE is affiliated with the National Basketball Association's Minnesota Timberwolves and the Washington Bullets; and,

WHEREAS, On April 14, 1989, Ron Ekker became the first coach and director of basketball operations for the SKYFORCE; and,

WHEREAS, The SKYFORCE begins its 1989-90 inaugural season against the Rapid City Thrillers on Thursday, November 16, in Sioux Falls; and,

WHEREAS, On behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, it is fitting and proper as Governor to welcome the SKYFORCE to Sioux Falls and this great state:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 16, 1989, as

SIoux FALLS SKYFORCE DAY

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Hazeltine
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE